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Dear Hank,

MG Giller of ERDA has requested that a COINS terminal be placed in the intelligence vault of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory (LLL), on a trial basis. ERDA expects that their three other weapons labs will be requesting terminals after the six-month trial period.

The letter requesting the terminal cites correspondence from Mr. Bush approving a new policy which exempts ERDA labs from the contractor category which requires authorization for the dissemination of intelligence information, as called for in DCID 1/7. MG Giller bases his request on this correspondence.

I strongly endorse efforts to expand file access to the user community and I believe that MG Giller's proposal should be accepted. However, I feel that the agencies providing files to COINS should have an opportunity to express their views as well. I have requested that NSA and DIA provide me their views on the matter, at their earliest convenience. I would appreciate it if we might have the benefit of the CIA/NPIC views as well. There is some urgency involved, since ERDA has programmed funds for the terminal, modems, etc. which should be committed prior to entering the new fiscal year.

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John L. Slack Deputy Director of Defense Intelligence

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